

Vibrantly open to the Spirit, Bethel Lutheran Church serves God and its neighbors by joyfully living and sharing the Good News!

BETHEL NEWS for the week of September 24, 2017



This week @ Bethel

Today! 10:15a coffee & fellowship,
Bible study

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Monday 11a-5p office open

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Tuesday paper drive begins

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Wednesday 10a Bible study
11a-5p office open
5:30p worship & music mtg.
6:30p choir practice

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Thursday 11a-5p office open
6:30p-8:30p card making

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Saturday 6-9p WMM

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Sunday 9:00a worship
10:15a coffee & fellowship

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Events are subject to change. For up-to-date calendar events, see our online calendar: <http://www.lpbethel.org>

Bethel Paper Drive: 9/26-10/4

The truck is coming to Bethel's parking lot! **Please, save your newspaper, magazines, catalogs, phone books, office paper, food boxes, cardboard, junk mail, paper rolls, anything paper!** Questions can be directed to Mary Lou Teubert or the church office.

Blue Jean Sunday

"Many Hands Make Light Work" **Save the date for Blue Jean Sunday, October 8.** Please plan to stay after worship to help with "fall cleaning" of the church. If you are unavailable this day, please sign up to complete a task at your convenience.

Baptisms

Today we welcome Carl and Alex Overbye into the body of Christ and the mission we share!

Bethel Book club: October

***When God Doesn't Fix It* by Laura Story**

Laura's life took an unexpected turn when her husband was diagnosed with a brain tumor. The fairy-tale life she had dreamed of was no longer possible. And yet in struggling with God about how to live with broken dreams, Laura has found joy and a deeper intimacy with Jesus. God may not fix everything. In fact, your situation might not ever change or get better but, with Jesus, you can. Check Bethel's library for a copy of the book.

Discussion: Wednesday, October 18, 7:15p, 36 Fir St. N. LP

Sunday School Helpers/Substitutes

The Sunday school program is looking for volunteers to commit as helpers and/or substitute teachers during the Sunday school hour. A [dry erase] sign-up board is located in the narthex. Please, sign your name by each Sunday you are available to help. Also, Rhianna Iverson and Stacy Meyer plan to teach most Sundays but, if they are unable to be there, a substitute teacher would provide consistency for the program throughout the year. Contact Rhianna or Stacy if you are interested in being a substitute!

Crow River Conference Women of the ELCA

The Crow River Conference Women of the ELCA Fall Gathering will be on Saturday, September 30, 8:30-11 am at Peace Lutheran Church in Cosmos. The topic is "God, Girlfriends and Chocolate." Look for more information and a sign-up on the bulletin board by the church office door.

Upcoming Green Lake Lutheran Ministry Retreat

Senior High Retreat—October 13-15, Grades 9-12

Spend the weekend at camp re-focusing on your faith! Join us at The Village at Shores of St. Andrew for meaningful Bible studies, goofy games, songs, and campfires in the crisp air of fall. There will be break-out sessions for TIM Team groups from this past summer, along with great things planned for those without. Bring your friends and join us for an amazing faith-building weekend. Fee: \$110 ***Registration forms** are available on the small table in the narthex or register online at www.gllm.org. Camperships are available upon request-contact the Bethel office.

Welcome to Bethel!

Worshipping together as the Children of God.

Christ has claimed all of us as children of God, we encourage children of ALL ages to participate in worship, each to their ability.

To our youngest worshippers: we believe children are not the future of the church: they are the church present! We welcome your wiggles, giggles, cries and curious bodies and voices. Parents: encourage your child to sing, clap, wiggle, drop coins in the offering, and receive communion. A [non-staffed] toy room is available just outside the sanctuary.

To our “young at heart”: we welcome your enthusiasm and voices, too! If hearing assistance is needed, see an usher for a device.

For all: we strive for worship that is intergenerational and welcoming to the whole body of Christ. Communion is served every Sunday. We invite all persons who seek God’s grace through the bread and wine to share this meal, regardless of age or denominational affiliation. You are welcome at Christ’s table! Grape juice and gluten-free options are available, too.

Bathrooms are located just outside the sanctuary. Fellowship Hour happens immediately after worship. Join us for coffee, treats and conversation! During the school year, children are invited into the basement for Sunday School. Communication cards are located on the back of the pews, we’d love to hear from you or leave your name and email in our guestbook!

Serving in October

Altar Guild: Carol Wortz

Lector: Carol Wortz

Usher: Lloyd Wortz & Ron Foust

Greeter: Jeff Breidenbach

*Thank
you*

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Easy online sign-up:

Go to www.lpbethel.org, click on Worship, and then Worship Volunteer Sign Up.

Raise the Roof!

The Crow River Conference is working together to put a roof on the Bishopstowe Circuit Center, a building which has been designed to meet many of the needs of our partners in the Umgeni (Oom-gay’-nee) Circuit [the term South Africans use instead of Conference.] The walls have been erected on the center and donations have been pledged to support the plumbing and electrical work, finishing and inside fixtures. However, the roof has not been pledged and their project has halted. If every member of the Crow River Conference gave \$2 this great need could be met. \$20,000 is the goal needed to raise the roof. Can you help? To learn more about the Raise the Roof project check out the posted information in the narthex. **Bethel will have multiple opportunities throughout the fall to donate toward this project!**

announcements due by Wednesdays @ noon ~ newsletter items due by the 25th of the month
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